has been estimated at 10.89 n:illion tons against 11.76 million tons in Kharif 1992-93.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The availability of oil as per estimate given by oil industry and trade for various oil seeds

Estimated oil production lakh tons

Crop	93-94	92-93
Soya Oil	7.1	4.3
Sun Flower	1.7	1.7
Sesame	1.8	2.2
Niger	0.6	0.6
Cotton Seed	4.0	3.9
Copra	3.5	3.1
Rice Bran	4.4	4.3

To enhance the production of oil seeds a centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented which provides financial assistance on key inputs Ike latest varieties of seeds, frontline and general demonstrations, gypsum and pyrites, plant protection, measures etc.

Exports of Superior Quality of "DURUM" Wheat

3283. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an editorial published in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th November 1993 captioned "Exporting wheat" saying that India would export 3.00,000 tonnes of the superior quality 'durum' wheat—during the current financial year because agricultural exports have been a major contribution to the country's expoit earnings;

(b) if so, what was the farm exports earnings, in million dollars, during the first *4*—6 months of the current financial .year. . as compared during the same period of the preceding year;

(c) whether there is any likely shift in country's cropping pattern in favour of the more lucrative export market;

(d) if so, what percentage of surplus earnings from agricultural exports are likely to be set apart for research and development of the agricultural infrastructure, indicating details thereof and if not, the reasons therefot, and

(e) whether Government have taken into account the risks of over dependence in this sector as farm exports are vulnerable to the vagaries of the whether as well as frequent changes in World market price, if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AMB THE MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.